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Students raise more than $3,000 for Invisible Children

BY KATIE GAISER
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"I really believe our generation can do important things, like ending the war in Africa," Invisible Children roadie Chris Waite said to the teary-eyed crowd of about 60 last Thursday night.

"It's high school and college students like you and I who are really making a difference," continued Waite.

On Thursday, April 3, the Invisible Children National Tour rolled through campus to raise awareness for the thousands of people in northern Uganda who have been displaced for 11 years from their homes and forced into small camps to live with little food, money, and supplies.

The sophomore class, who is responsible for the occasion, prepared all year for the event, which proved to be a huge success. With more than $3,000 raised, the students of Saint Leo have more than tripled the amount raised last year.

"We've done a great job promoting this movement on campus, and it's really incredible," said Benet Bondi, the sophomore class advisor. "I'm really impressed with the collaboration that has happened for the event between SGU, food services, Student Involvement, Greek life, and the arts ensemble. I think it's amazing how everyone has come together for a great cause."

Photograph by Daniel Izquierdo
Sophomore Simone Henry browses the Invisible Children table to help support the cause.

Before the movie began, the roadies offered t-shirts and bracelets for sale, with all of the funds going directly to the cause. The sophomore class also offered a variety of baked goods for sale just outside the Lions' Lair and later throughout the screening.

After some time, those who bared the torrential downpour and found their way to the Student Community Center were loaded into the boardroom for the movie screening. The movie entitled "Black is for Sunday," is about a fifteen-year-old boy named Okello Sunday, who is living in an Internally Displaced camp with no parents, no money, and very little of anything to call his own. Invisible Children co-founder Bobby Bailey set out on a mission to tell the story of the displaced and bring awareness to the world of people like Sunday, who live amongst rampant disease, starvation, and abject poverty.

"When I saw this movie, I knew I had to do something," said roadie Caitlin Nossett, a student from the University of Georgia. "So, I set up a screening at my school and worked with the movement until I decided to become a roadie. I took a semester off to tour for three months around the south showing this movie and raising awareness for our movement. It's been really encouraging seeing the youth of America changing the lives of those in northern Uganda."

After a few laughs and a lot more tears, the roadies ended their presentation by telling a little bit about their stories and answered any questions from the crowd. They also offered official updates on the situation in northern Uganda. In more than 21 years, Uganda is now the closest it's ever been to ending the war and bringing peace to the people of its country.

The roadies offered a chance to give weekly donations to help raise money for school fees for Sunday and hundreds of children like him in need of education. They also offered blank

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Saint Leo University shown in green and gold, but mostly GREEN

BY BRANDY SCAGLIONE
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Saint Leo hopped on the bandwagon in 2006 to a healthier, greener campus by forming the environment advisory committee.

With giant pieces of the Antarctic ice shelf collapsing, one of which was seven times the size of Manhattan according to nationalgeographic.com, it's no wonder why grass-root movements to "Go Green" all around college campuses are becoming the norm.

The environment advisory committee began at the request of Dr. Arthur Kirk, Jr.

"Dr. Kirk is vitally interested in [the Senate Environment Advisory Committee] as it reflects on one of our core values, responsible stewardship," said Dr. Marguerite Mcinnis, dean of the school of education and social services. Not only is the Benedictine value of responsible stewardship being covered by the committee, but also the value of community as that it includes members from all across campus: faculty, staff, and students.

The current committee consists of one student senator and an array of Saint Leo faculty and staff including: Dr. Chris Miller, the assistant professor of biology; Jeffrey Baylor, assistant vice president of student affairs; and Jose Caban, director of plant operations.

The committee began with a mission statement that proposed an implementation of three goals "developing and insuring 1) increased awareness through education, 2) sustainable operations and structures, and 3) assessment" as stated in the year end report for 2006-2007.

In conjunction with their goals, the environment advisory committee has implemented an aluminum can recycling project (headed by Samaritans), a white-paper recycling project (collected by both plant operations and Land-O-Lakes Recycling), and a motor oil-recycling project (handled by plant operations) all completed as of February 1, 2007. Also completed was the implementation of low water use shower heads, no water use men's toilets, and "last forever" bulbs.

For the 2008-2009 academic year, the committee will be considering ways to recycle cardboard, plastics, glass and newspapers on campus.

Students wishing to become more "green" can take these small steps suggested by Dr. Mcinnis: "Unplug your cell phone and computer chargers when not charging, make sure that your lights are using low energy consumption light bulbs (if possible), and learn to DRIVE SLOWER!"

However, if you are already carpooling that hybrid vehicle to class, reusing grocery bags, and recycling in more than just the normal three categories of paper, plastics and glass, visit www.lighterfootstep.com to get more energy efficient ideas. Remember that in order to move forward, a small step needs to first be taken.

Opinions

Can't we all just get along?

BY KATIE GAISER
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It's been five years since the Bush administration declared war on Iraq. It's been four years and 11 months since the troops destroyed the Iraqi army. It's been four years and eight months since Saddam Hussein was captured, and it's been one year and three months since he was executed. America is spending $5.8 billion a month to maintain war costs. Since the war began, there have been 4,010 confirmed deaths of U.S. soldiers, and an estimated 600,000 Iraqi civilians have died.

Now that we've got all the facts straight, isn't war exciting! Yes people, I'm being sarcastic. War is just the opposite. It's tragic, degrading, and expensive. While I've never been much into this war and what a real toll it's taken on both countries, I've always felt as though the people in this world with great power have a certain obligation to look after those who are powerless.

At first, I believed that Bush was in this war to do just that. After September 11, it was made clear that the Middle East wasn't fooling around. When Bush got wind of these so-called "weapons of mass destruction," perhaps he knew what Hussein was capable of when America was in such a vulnerable state. So, he took action. In one month, the Iraqi army was obliterated. And by the end of that year, Hussein was captured with no weapons to be found, of course. Hurray, the madman was no longer free, and after almost a year of horrifying bloodshed and torment, it was finally time to bring our troops home, right?

Well, its four years later, and I'm starting to think Bush didn't think his plan through. Here's what I think happened. When the people of Iraq were finally liberated from Hussein's power, they went nuts. After all, when people who have been controlled and tormented for years on end are suddenly given freedom, they feel invincible and want to be in control. However, we didn't give them the chance to be. America stepped right in and implemented a plan of democracy for the Iraqi people. So, we gave them freedom, but then forced the ideals of our own government onto their streets and into their homes. Well, whatever was left of them.

So inevitably, there were people who rebelled, and the coalition didn't prepare for it. I believe this is why we are still in Iraq and why thousands of Americans and Iraqis are eternally sleeping in the dirt. We wanted them to have democracy, but we obviously didn't consider that not every Iraqi wants to be like an American. And then, it dawned on me. I don't think the government really cares if the Iraqis have democracy. I believe Bush just wants to eliminate a threat. After all, if we make them just like us, they won't hate us anymore. Who cares what they want? Let's just cover own asses! At the extent of losing hundreds of thousands of Iraqi lives, of course.

And so, we remain in Iraq. Troops are still being deployed, and people are still dieing everyday. I wonder when the government will come to a point and say enough is enough. We've already sent enough soldiers home in body bags, and we've already blown up enough innocent Iraqi people. There's nothing anyone can do about the past, but the government can certainly control the present. Let's finish the stupid job right, and let the millions of people across the globe affected by this war, finally live in peace.

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Iraq back on track

BY JOSHUA M. SMITH
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He Said

Mistakes have been made over the last five years in Iraq; but overall, it was not a mistake to remove Saddam Hussein and give the Iraqi people a chance at democracy.

Of the many justifications offered before the war, weapons of mass destruction (WMD) received the most media attention. We know Saddam had WMD; what we (still) don't know is what he did with them. If Saddam did not have WMD, why did he refuse to allow the United Nations weapons inspectors to do their job?

Saddam figured the U.S. would not enforce the U.N. resolutions regarding his weapons programs. He was wrong.

The initial campaign was a sweeping success. The Iraqi army was utterly defeated within a month. Though the occupation of Iraq after the invasion was, in Senator John McCain's words, "mismanaged," it is undeniable that the coalition invasion was a huge success. Saddam was removed, and the wheels of a new Iraqi democracy began to turn.

The coalition failed to properly plan and implement a successful anti-insurgency strategy prior to 2007. During that time, coalition and civilian casualties rose to unacceptable levels, and the Bush administration was slow to change strategies.

But change strategies they did. Under General David Patraeus's surge plan, Iraqi security has improved, casualties have steadily declined, and the new Iraqi parliament has had the breathing room it needed to create real progress in bringing Iraqis together.

Has it all been worth it? If you ask an Iraqi Kurd or Shiite, you'll likely hear a positive answer. If you ask a Sunni, you might get a mixed answer; the Sunnis are still adjusting to no longer being the sole political power in Iraq.

The war has created deep divides in the U.S., especially during times when coalition casualties have been high. McCain is right when he says, "It's not American presence; it's American casualties" that stir up anti-war sentiment at home. We are now on the right track since we are seeing far less casualties, and polling data supports that position.

Success in Iraq is defined as the ability to leave behind a stable government that will be an ally in the War on Terror. We are on that road to success.

Though it has been a difficult road littered with mistakes and bloodshed, the war has been worth the sacrifice. In realistic terms, the U.S. cannot shy away from its position as a world superpower—even if Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama become president. The world increasingly looks to the U.S. for leadership; we *must* intervene where we can to make positive change. Isolationism is simply not an option; the world is too connected for us to turn a blind eye to events around us. We cannot intervene everywhere, but we must intervene when our security interests—and those of our allies—are threatened.

In ideological terms, Saddam represented a clear and present danger to the U.S. and its allies. Saddam flagrantly ignored U.N. resolutions, triggering the crisis. If the U.N. is to be a serious body, its resolutions *must* be enforced. The U.S.-led coalition did the U.N. a great service by actually honoring its resolutions. That alone is enough to justify the Iraq War.

I don't want another single U.S. soldier to die in Iraq. But, I don't want to leave behind an Iraq that can be a haven for terrorists either. We cannot simply call staying in Iraq "wrong" and leaving precipitously "right." What we can do, though, is finish the job in Iraq for the right reasons and in the right manner. We are now on track to accomplish our goals. We cannot walk away from our responsibilities to the Iraqi people and to the memory of our fallen soldiers.

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Price of retail gas hits an all time high

BY KRISTIN BRITTAIN
Lions' Pride Editor in Chief

As gasoline supplies tighten, the price of retail gas is expected to rise. This is dangerous for the bloodline that keeps America on the go.

"Gas prices are starting to affect all aspects of my life… like going out and shopping. Even when I have time to go home, I can't afford the drive to Miami any more to see my mom," said Stacy Lloyd.

Gas rose by 1.4 cents overnight. The national average for a galloon of gas is currently a record high of $3.30. The average is up by about 60 cents higher from last year.

The surge in price of a barrel of crude oil is the easiest culprit for the increase of gas prices. When the crude oil prices go up, it is partly because of the uncertainty in the market. The more expensive crude is and the more money refiners have to pay, the lower their profits will be. So, no matter what the price of crude goes up to, gasoline supplies are going to keep falling because producers are cutting back on the production of fuel due to the high cost of crude.

The law of supply and demand is another increasing factor of the rocket high prices. The rapid economic growth in China and India has considerably increased the competition over a scarce resource.

The scaling down of gas production, and the high demand of oil from rapidly growing countries, is pushing retail gas prices to go up, and it is not stopping there. The Energy Department expects prices to peak near $3.50 a gallon this spring. But, most other analysts are expecting the price to be closer to $4.

"I think gas prices are ridiculous. As a college student I can barely afford to fill up my tank so I can go home or to my internship. I really wish there was something more being done about the continuous rise in gas prices," said sophomore Chelsea Shoemaker.

Students should buy their plane tickets for home or their summer vacation as soon as they can, because the gas prices will not only affect driving but flying as well. Northwest and other airlines have already raised fares on domestic flights and have just recently raised international fares by $20.

Saint Leo students better take to

Ken Posner takes charge of his new position

BY JESSICA O'KEEFE
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

There are new changes ahead for next year with a shift in positions in student involvement. Ken Posner is moving on up in the world.

Posner's new position is now assistant vice president for student services. Posner explained how his new position makes him a much more forceful student advocate by putting him in a good situation where the students' voices can really be heard.

When asked how his role has changed, Posner explained, "In July I arrived as the executive director of resident life and campus safety. My new role has added involvement in areas of food service, personal counseling, health services, student involvement services, career services, in addition to my previous responsibilities."

Posner will be dealing with pretty much everything outside the classroom except the LRC and University Ministry. He will work very closely with academic affairs to make their relationship even better.

He explained how it's all about student learning.

"The primary focus for academic affairs has traditionally been within the classroom, while historically student services have focused on out of class experience. In collaboration with leaders in academic affairs, we are going to bridge that gap to create a seamless learning environment for our students," said Posner.

Posner's biggest goal is to make students aware he is accessible to them. He explained that changes are a part of life, and some changes will occur, but they won't be big.

"As an institution, we need to embrace change," said Posner.

He also wants to see more intentional efforts to promote institutional core values.

"Saint Leo is a very special place. It really is a home, and living on campus I feel that I am an important member of the community and you want everybody to feel that way," said Posner.

He truly feels that core values separate Saint Leo from other school.

"It is really the value that is added," said Posner.

In an attempt to coordinate the two departments, resident life, and student involvement, the two staffs will be reporting to a single director of campus life rather than individual directors. However, current staff within those two areas will continue to do their positions separately. It is a matter of coordinating the vision at the top.

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forms to write personal letters to the United State's senators with hopes that more voices will be heard.

"The biggest thing you can do to help is to just let people know what's going on over there," Nossett said to the crowd. "The more people who know, the more people who can help."

Freshman Everlie Vassor was inspired by the movie.

"I didn't even know about this movement until today, and I'm glad I came. I know that no one in Miami knows about Invisible Children, and I plan to change that," she said. "I'm going to call my principal today and let him know what's going on, so we can do something to spread the word."

The event ended with a brief speech from President Steven Cronis and Vice President Daniel Izquierdo. They thanked the crowd again for coming and encouraged students to spread the word about the movement.

"If our voices are heard, we have the power to make a big change," Cronis said.

With more than $3,000 raised, Izquierdo was thrilled the event was such a huge success.

"It was a great turnout in spite of the rain. I'm glad people were dedicated enough to make it out here," he said. "I'm proud of the work we are doing here and look forward to a future of peace for these people."

There are many goals set for next year. Plans include getting next year's event sponsored by SGU, running fundraisers such as penny and can food drives throughout the school year, and the creation of an Invisible Children club on campus. With a lot of passion and dedication, the students of Saint Leo will continue to support the movement of peace for the people of northern Uganda.

Academic Excellence Day spring 2008

BY AMANDA CAIN
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

Academic Excellence Day is a day set aside each school year for the celebration of student achievement. This is a day of commemoration for honors students who have completed their senior honors project, for every major who has a project worth talking about, for every student engaged in research, for every student who has written a play or a short story, and for any student who has painted or photographed something that merits being seen. Projects will range from scientific research, psychological studies, and business plans to creative writing, photography, and musical performances. A time for students to showcase their accomplishments, talents, and goals from both the intellectual and artistic perspective, Academic Excellence Day will take place this semester on Thursday, April 17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in various locations around campus. Support for Saint Leo University's effort to highlight the academic successes of fellow students is needed and can by shown simply by attending Academic Excellence Day.

Here's a chance to become one of them 'learned peoples'

English and social sciences departments offer new travel course in summer 2008

BY JESSICA SWANSON
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The English and social sciences departments will be offering a new travel course during the Summer I 2008 semester.

Aptly named "Southern Journeys: Place, Society & Literature in the American South," this course combines online course work and a 14-day trip throughout the south in order to give students the best learning experience possible.

Designed by Dr. Shawn Bingham of the department of social sciences, and Professor Elisabeth Aiken of the English department, the summer travel course will combine aspects of both departments in order to help students learn more about the south.

"My research and interests are interdisciplinary. I was raised in Florida and the events of the south always interested me. We want students to see a side of the south that doesn't get a lot of attention; it's a more sophisticated, literary, cultural side," Bingham said.

Course work will be divided between the trip throughout the south and online assignments. While on the trip, students will be expected to take photographs, keep a journal, and attend lectures given by guest faculty, among other things. Online work will correspond to trip expectations. During the 14-day road trip, students will travel to Savannah, Georgia and Mobile, Alabama, as well as a number of other prominent and lesser known southern cities.

The Southern Journeys trip is a standard three credit course. Students who wish to enroll must fulfill the English 122 prerequisite and an English or sociology major or minor is strongly recommended, but not expected. The estimated cost of the trip itself is $825, and the course is estimated to be $675, for a combined cost of about $1500. This covers the course fee, transportation, hotel accommodations, and some meals.

The deadline registration for this course is exam week. For students who missed the first interest meeting on March 19, there will be another interest meeting on Monday, April 14 at 4 p.m. The location will be announced. For more information, please contact Dr. Bingham at shawn.bingham02@saintleo.edu or Professor Aiken at Elisabeth.aiken@saintleo.edu.

Mr. Gummy Bear Visits SLU

BY SIMONE WILLIAMS
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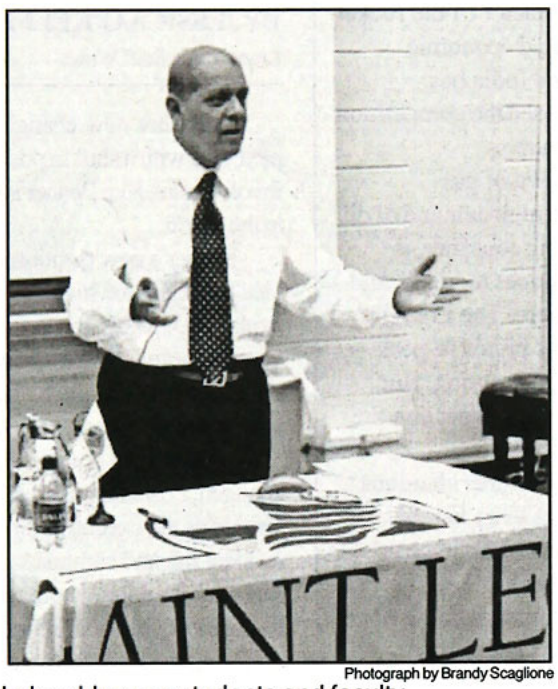
Uday Lele, also known as Mr. Gummy Bear, graced Saint Leo with his presence on Thursday, April 3. He dazzled presentation attendees with his drive to succeed, colorful career history, and witty comments.

"I can tell you that I've been in the chemical business, in the pharmaceutical business, in the steel business, in the confectionary business as the inventor of the 'Juicee Gummee Bear,' the real estate development business, and hotel. And somewhere down the line, I also bought and sold cars," Lele said, earning a laugh from his audience.

Born and raised in India, Lele had his first taste of the fruits of labor when he was just 12 years old. His father owned a mango orchard and often brought home extra mangoes. After eating what they could, Lele's father gave the mangoes away. When he could give no more away, Lele sold them in his apartment complex.

His first actual business, a chemical company, was started with the rupee equivalent of $20 U.S. It grew to become a $ 54 million company within the first eight years. It was the highest and most successful company of its time in India. At the age of 32, Lele was the youngest CEO to trade on the Bombay Stock Exchange. "Distinctively superior" was a phrase Lele often used when talking about his innovative ideas or his business. It is Lele's belief that by following his eleven rules, guidelines as he called them, for business, anyone and everyone could succeed.



Photograph by Brandy Scaglione
Lele addresses students and faculty.

"Business is extremely simple; if anyone has ever told you it was hard, it's tough, or it's too difficult, don't believe them," Lele assured everyone. The way Lele broke everything down into easy to understand terms and phrases made it seem like business really was just that simple.

It should be duly noted, however, that Lele's degree isn't in business management but in family planning. Yet, every company Lele has ever opened has flourished with no closures and no layoffs.

The 11 guidelines Lele discussed were the highlight of his presentation. His advice was well received and ranged from smart business plans to the difference between an entrepreneur and a businessman. And, according to Lele, there is a huge difference indeed.

"The difference between an entrepreneur and a businessman is this: entrepreneurs want to be their own boss and have the opportunity to fulfill their dreams and vision; businessmen want money. If you just want to make a lot of money, become a businessman. Chances are you will make a lot more money than an entrepreneur," Lele told the audience.

By weaving the power of asking into his presentation with many stories to serve as examples, Lele encouraged a lengthy Q&A and even more people to approach him after. He readily gave out his email to those interested in interning with him and even gave out a few innovative ideas to help people get jump started on their future.

Although Lele has sold his Juicee Gummy company, he is still the man who thought of using real fruit juice in candy before anyone could even dream of it. For this reason, he will always be known as Mr. Gummy Bear.

His presentation can be viewed online at www.iteach.saintleo.edu. His presentation is under the school of business.

IFC canned food drive a huge success

BY AMANDA CAIN
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

In an effort to raise an extraordinary amount of canned food to be donated, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) held a food drive competition between on campus fraternities throughout the months of February and March.

Running from February 14 through March 19, the fraternities raised more than 2,500 pounds of food. All of the food was donated to the Samaritan's Homeless Ministry. *The Samaritans* is an organization sponsored by University Ministry at Saint Leo University. It is an ecumenical organization, enabling students of all faiths and traditions to work together to build the community of Saint Leo University through social, spiritual, and volunteer service opportunities, therefore, creating a better world community in living out their motto: "Wherever You Are, Make A Difference.'

Although the fraternities were ultimately working together in this massive food raising effort, Sigma Alpha Epsilon was able to bring in the most canned food. Their prize of $200 was donated to their national philanthropy of the Children's Miracle Network. The winners also received a BBQ between Henderson and Benoit.

"Not only was the canned food drive fun, it provided a little healthy competition for the fraternities. Personally, it meant a lot to give back to the communities for our fraternity because we take pride in the community service we participate in; as a whole, our fraternity really does enjoy giving back," said Tau Kappa Epsilon member Joe Espinosa.

Hunger and poverty are two very real problems faced by people all around the world. Even in the United States where food is plentiful, millions of men, women, and children go to bed hungry. According the Charityguide online, approximately 35 million Americans, including 13 million children, face "food insecurity" or hunger each day. It is important for people to be constantly aware of the hunger problem and do what they can to change the outlook. That is exactly what the fraternities at Saint Leo University are trying to do; although a small school in population, the IFC has worked hard to try and make a difference.

"IFC and all of Greek life on campus aims to help the less fortunate; it's something you learn and cherish as being a part of a fraternity or sorority. You learn to help each other and lend a helping hand whenever a person or organization is in need. The world has millions who are starving; this drive was just one small step to overcome this misfortune," commented Tau Kappa Epsilon member Brian Vinny Chase Johnston.

Academic Excellence Day
April 17, 2008

Moderator: Elisabeth Aiken
Title: English- Advanced Literary Studies, Writing, and Theater
Presenters:
- Johanna Lane, Josh Smith, Eduardo Mantilla, Anna Crociata, Brandi Armstrong, Readings from *The Sandhill Review*
- Sarah Tatko, "A Look at Victorian Woman as portrayed in 'Goblin Market' "
- Cecilia Bolich, "Irish Blood, English Heart"

Moderator: Dr. Patrick Draves
Title: Psychology Senior Seminar
Presenters:
- Cassie Millhouse, "Homelessness: Not Just A Housing Problem."
- Mariel Colon, "Gender Differences in Jealousy."
- Keiron Timothy, "Violent Music Lyrics leads to Aggressive Mood/ Hostility, moderated by gender identification with vocalist."
- Tonya Jackson, "Risky Sexual Behavior and College Students."
- Andrina Musser, "Klinefelters Syndrome and the Classroom."
- Avion Kristo, "Perceived Effects of Procrastination on Stress and Academic Performance During College."

Moderator: Dr. Carol Walker
Title of Session: Senior Honors Presentations – Education: Teaching & Learning
Presenters:
- Mariel Colon, "Teaching Psychology through a Student's Eye."
- Nicole Duval, "Tools for Parents with Unmanageable Children."
- Heather Stroud, "DoDEA: The Department of Defense Education Activity."

Moderator:
Title of Session: Senior Honors Presentations - Biology
Presenters:
- Andrea Cameron, "Garlic and Cranberry: A Possible Natural Antibiotic."
- Daniel Martin, "The Effect or Metals on Microorganisms."
- Connor Yates, "Lime Disease and Its Controversies."

Location: Crawford Hall, Room 8 **(1:00 p.m.-3:50 p.m.)**
Moderator: Kim Higdon
Title of Session: Education
Presenters:
- Heather Laws, "Culture Capsules: Mexican Culture."
- Ana Navarro, "Culture Capsules: Breakfast in Colombia."
- Pat Shapley, "Education Theories Project: Learning Theories Gourmet Cookbook."
- Jennifer D'Angiolillio, Kaitlin Dillard, Jenna Frimmel, Anna Strazi, Heather Stroud, "Service Learning Project: Adopt-A-Rainforest."
- Amy Brown, Ryan Hunter, Megan Vonesh, "History through Literature Project: The First Thanksgiving."
- Becky Atchley, Patricia DiGuiseppe, Shannon Jones, "History Through Literature Project: Children in the Industrial Revolution."

Moderator: Emil Koren
Title of Session: Senior Honors Presentations- Accounting
Presenters:
- Rhenese Herbert, "Federal Income Tax Fraud."
- Alison Noesen, "Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and its Negative Affects on Small Companies."
- Lynn Salisbury, "The Harmonization of Accounting Standards: A Look at the Conversion Between GAAP and IFRS."

Moderator: Dr. Pantzalis
Title of Session: Senior Honors Presentations- SLU: Programs and Initiatives
Presenters:
- Stephan Kubasek, Alicia Ridley, "SERVE- A Microcosmic Hands-On Application in Operating a non-for-profit Human Service Management."
- Renell David, "Evaluation of the Amount of the Recyclables Being Thrown Away at Saint Leo University."
- Carmin Archer, "A Discussion Concerning the Necessity of a Forensic Laboratory on University Campus."

Moderator: Dr.Tammy Zacchilli
Title: Advanced Directed Study Presentations - Psychology
Presenters:
- George MacDonald, "Are Americans Still Willing to Self-Sacrifice? The Development of the American Patriotic Sprit From A Values Constructive Perspective."
- Amanda Tatko & Chenelia Valerio, "Examination of How Personality Relates to Attitudes Towards Persons With Disabilities."
- George MacDonald, "Examining Sources of Measurement Error: A Reliability Generalization Study of Coping Questionnaire."
- Amanda Tatko, Wade Morris, & Chenelia Valerio, "Bad Boys, Bad Girls: Do Opposites Attract in Close Relationships?"
- George MacDonald, "Critical Incidents: Excellent and Poor Performance in Academic Advising at Saint Leo University."
- Karren Mapp-Yard," Examining the Relationship Between Personality and Self-Reported Alcohol Use."
- Ashley Nunes, "Overcoming the College Challenge: A Guide to Social Interaction."
- Chenelia Valerio, "Is Personality Related to Use of Conflict Strategy?"

Moderator: Linda Bergen-Losee
Title: Mycology
Presenters:
- Jelani McPhee, "Fungi and Food Processing."
- Deangria Carey, "Industrial Mycology."
- Kristen Moultrie, "Cultivation of Mushrooms."
- Christine Wright, "Hallucinogenic Mushrooms."
- Nari Haijan, "Fungi and Leaf Cutter Ants."

Moderator: Dr. Iain Duffy, Dr. Tom Arnold
Title: Biology
Presenters:
- Paola Araujo, "Eye Better Beware: An Exploration of Contact Lens With Fungi."
- Jared Baum, "Karyotye and RFLP Analysis of Mauritia Flexuosa (Palmae) To Be or Not to Be."
- Renell David, "The Prevalence of Dysmenorrhea and the Factors that Affect this Prevalence."
- Rodeina Ferguson, "Mutational Analysis of Human FGFR1."
- Katherine Greenwell, "Does the Target Rate Used With Aerobic Exercise Make a Difference in the Resulting Benefits?"
- Debaro Huyler, "Ecosystem Valuation for the Pithlachascotee River Reserve, Pasco County, Florida."
- Daniel Martin, "Kinase Domain Mutations in the Human ALK-1 Gene."
- Jelani McPhee, "To Investigate Different Ant Baits on the Behavior, Feeding Patterns, and Mortality Rates of Ants."
- Nathaniel Vinje, "Commercial Mycorrhizal Fungi: Testing the Claims."
- Sasha Wright, "Is Washing you Fruits and Vegetables Worth the Extra Minutes When it Comes to Fungi?"
- Dane Gruenebaum, "Investigating the Viability of Biodiesel Using Kinematic Viscosity, FTIR, & NMR Spectroscopy."
- Josh McKenna, "Rehabilitation Device to Aid Rotator Cuff Rehab Process."

Moderator: Dr. Jack McTague
Title: Senior Honors Presentations - History
Presenters:
- Melissa Cook, "Obstacles to Professionalism: Masculine Opposition to Women as Doctors."
- Michael Costello, "If Not Grant."
- Felicitas Morales, "An Immigrant's Tale."

Moderator:
Title: Senior Honors Presentations- Sports
Presenter:
- Dave Cawley, "Roster Efficiency in Baseball using Sabermetrics and Statistical Analysis."
- Keiron Timothy, "Moderating Effects of Sport Characteristics on the Relationship between Athlete Aggression and Performance."
- Alex Zic, "The Physics of Rock Climbing and the Materials that Help Us Fight Gravity."

Moderator: Professor Glover
Title: Field Placement
Presenters:
- Thomas Mueller, "Sumter County Sheriff's Office."
- Kimberly Harridge, "Pasco County Sheriff's Office."
- Roni Carithers, "Pasco-Hernando Police Acadamy."
- Natasha Nazar, "Hernando County Sheriff's Office."
- Frank Fanelle, "Sumter County Sheriff's Office."
- Lindsey Hayes, "Pasco County Sheriff's Office."

Location: Selby Auditorium **(2 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.)**
Moderator: Dr. June Hammond and Jeremy Silverman
Title: Music
Presenters:
- Nevin Baker - Voice
- Nikki Boaz - Voice
- Sarah Holz - Voice
- Rose Spino - Voice
- Elizabeth Marley
- Jelani McPhee
- Jason Delangie

Moderator: Siamack Bondari
Title: Mathematics
Presenters:
- Bruce Cutler, "Advanced Constructional Play with LEGOs as a Predicator of Later" School Achievement in Mathematics."
- Edwin Fastnacht, "An Analysis of Carbon Emissions."
- Douglas Pestana, "Mathematics and Philosphy: How Closely the Two are Conjoined."
- Katrina Errico, "Solving the Rubik's Cube."

Moderator: Dr. Hudson Reynolds
Title: Senior Honors Presentations- Diverse Topics
Presenters:
- Cherish Church
- Anthony Curreri
- Karol El Amrani, "Common Predicators of Substance Abuse in a Rural Setting."
- Cassandra Millhouse, "A Nitwit's Guide to SLU Theatre."

Moderator: Dr. Leilani-Goodman
Title: Psychology
Presenters:
- Lauren Turner, "The Effect of Media Images on Personal Body Identification."
- Chris Stanzione, "Societal Ideas and the Bias of Obesity."
- Nicole Duval, "Self-Awareness and the Physical Attractiveness Stereotype."
- Cindy Eldridge, "An Examination of Relationships between Upbringing, Attitudes, Relationship Satisfaction and Satisfaction with Life."
- Amanda Cain, "Eating Disorder Risk in Female Athletes and Non-Athletes."

Moderator: Dr. Anthony Esposito
Title: History Senior Seminar: Research Papers
Presenters:
- Melissa Cook, "Women and Hospital Work During the Civil War"
- Misty Strandberg, "Former Seminole Chairman (Chief) James Billie: Rogue or Reformer?"
- Paul Peterson, "The Democratization of Bhutan: An Analysis of an Ongoing and Unique Process"
- Charlie Marcantoni, "Stephen Tying Mather and the National Park System"
- Sage Waters. "Scipio Africanus and the Transformation of Roman Republican Values"

Moderator: Dr. Stephen Baglione
Title: Senior Honors Presentations - Business
Presenters:
- Amanda Cain, "Building a Dream by Making *Sweeter Plans*: The Business Plan for My Dream Bakery."
- Eniko Lukacs, "How New Technology and More Efficient Machinery Increases Layoffs."
- Andrew Strazi, "Virtual Property Blurring the Line between Virtual-Reality (The Wonderful World of MMORPGs)."
- Carter Clements, "Starting a Restaurant: Good Times."

Moderator: Astrid Vicas
Title of Session: Senior Honors Presentations - Philosophy
Presenters:
- Paul Peterson, "Polio, Violence, and Self-Discovery."

Moderator: Shawn Bingham
Title: Sociology, Poster Presentation
Presenters:
- Shanese Mitchell, "The Role of Political Artists in Society"

Moderator: Stan McGahey
Title: International Hospitality & Tourism Management
Presenters:
- Jennifer Correa, "IHT Aspirational Trip 2008"

SESSION IV (1:00 - 3:50 p.m.)

PHOTOGRAPHY AND ART EXHIBIT

Location: Saint Edward's Hall - Lobby
Organizers: Mr. James Hughson (Photography)
- **Various Photographers:**

Location: Library-1st floor-various locations
Organizer: Ms. Karen Phillips (Art)
- **Various Artists:**

PRESENTATION OF HONORS AWARDS (4:00 - 4:50 p.m.)
Location: Marion Bowman Activity Center-Gymnasium
Convener: Dr. Maribeth Durst
Awardees: See separate program for details

RECEPTION (5:00 - 5:50 p.m.)
Location: Marion Bowman Activity Center-Gymnasium

Arts & Entertainment

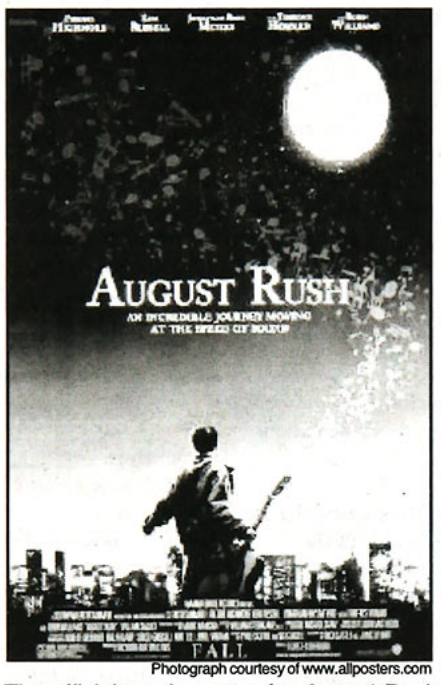
*August Rush*es onto DVD!

BY THOMAS SCAGLIONE III
Lions' Pride Entertainment Editor

"The music is everywhere," states the back cover of the newly released *August Rush* DVD. "All you have to do is listen."

When a proper, classically-trained musician (Keri Russell) meets a garage-band, rock guitarist (Jonathan Rhys Meyers) at a party, they fall madly in love with each other, leading to a night of tastefully done passion. This entwining of love and music fuses into the spirit of their newly conceived son. However, in order to keep his daughter from "ruining her life," the young girl's father sabotages the couple's union and, through carefully placed plot twists, gives the baby up for adoption.

Several years later, the now adolescent Evan Taylor (Freddie Highmore of 2005's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*) decides it is time to follow the music that pulls him ever closer to finding his parents and himself. The young boy's optimism and ability to find creation/musical aesthetics in all things aids him in his quest.



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The official movie poster for *August Rush*.

Along his way, he meets Maxwell "Wizard" Wallace (Robin Williams), a street musician who uses the talents of the homeless New York children as a means to extort money and "survive." Fear not readers, for the ending is rather up beat and is almost guaranteed to make the inner lovesick child in us all tear up a little.

Although the tale seems as if it's been done to death (as far as boy meets girl, fall in love, tragically separate, and then get back together), this film focuses more on Highmore's character and his personal development as an individual…creating who he wants to be, rather than waiting around for it to happen.

Winner of the Heartland Truly Moving Picture Award and nominee for an Oscar in Best Achievement in Music Written for Motion Pictures, this is one film that deserves its place next to 2007's *Across the Universe* and 2003's *Camp*.

Directed by Kristen Sheridan and written by Nick Castle and James V. Hart, *August Rush* is rated PG for thematic elements, mild violence, and language…making this a perfect movie to watch either with a younger sibling or perhaps with that special other someone.

As it is increasingly more difficult to avoid being thrown into the unemotional jungles of modern society, *August Rush* serves as a gentle reminder that all humans are interconnected through the music that the universe has woven into the fabric of life.

"I believe in music the way some people believe in fairy tales," August admits. "[Just] open your heart and listen!"

Upcoming Events

Hypnotist Jim Wand
followed by CAB's Deal or No Deal
Friday, April 11
7:00 PM in SSC

Comedian Henry Cho
Saturday, April 12
9:00 PM in SSC

Lonestar Private Concert
Saturday, April 12
3:00 PM in The Bowl
Free for SLU community

Greek Week Obstacle Course
Monday, April 14
7:00 PM

Greek Week Pool Olympics
Tuesday, April 15
5:00 PM

Mock Rock
Wednesday, April 16
7:30 PM in Marmion Snyder

Music Recital
Thursday, April 17
3:00 PM in Selby

Greek Formal
Friday, April 18
Depart at 7:00 PM
From 8:00 PM-12:00 AM
Tickets $15

Trip to Aquatica
Sunday, April 20
Sign up at CAB
$5

Spring Concert
Monday, April 21
7:30 in SSC

Free Massages
Wednesday, April 23
11:00 AM-5:00 PM
CAB office

Well respected poet visits Saint Leo

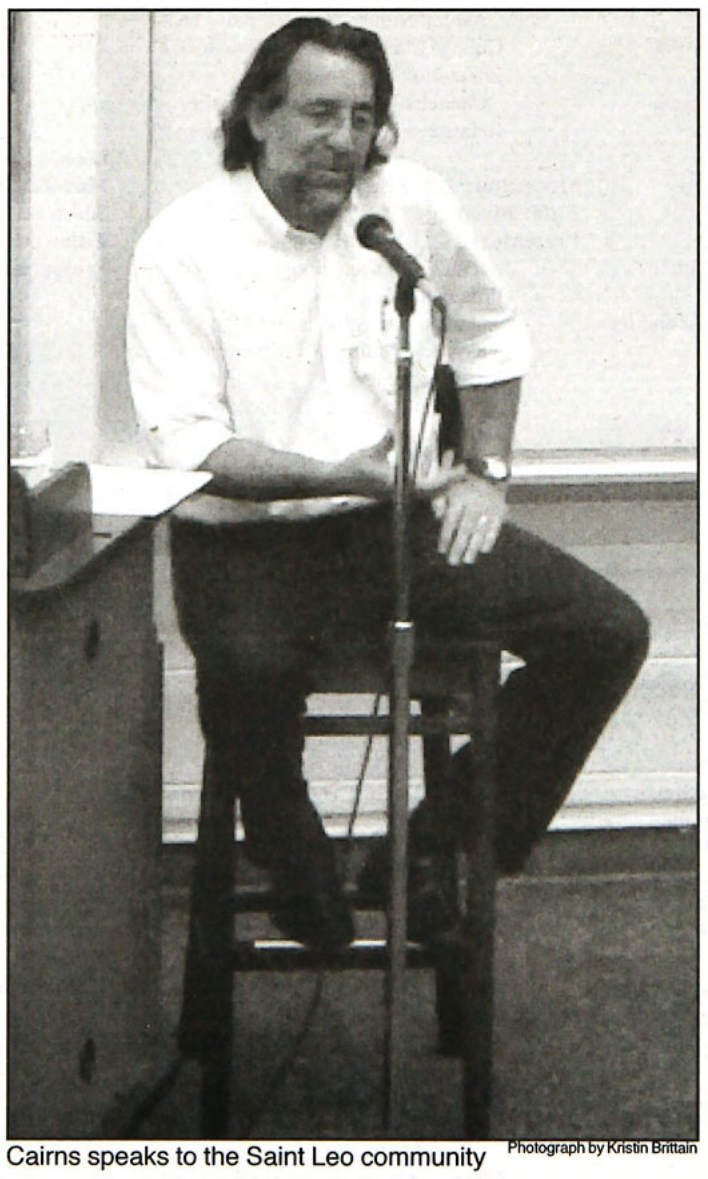
BY KRISTIN BRITTAIN
Lions' Pride Editor in Chief

"Pay attention to language," urged prominent American poet, Dr. Scott Cairns, to the young writers in the moderately packed crowd in Selby auditorium.

Cairns gave a lecture on Friday, April 4, at 2:30 p.m. in the Selby auditorium as part of the "Storytelling Festival 2008."

This spring's "Storytelling Festival 2008" is presented by The Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies, and Cannon Memorial Library, assisted by Saint Leo University's departments of English, philosophy, theology and religion. Spiritual themes and experiences are the foundation behind this year's festival. Thursday, April 3, in the Cannon Memorial Library a lively interfaith discussion was held on "Theology in Rabbinic Stories: Jewish and Christian Perspectives."

After a brief introduction from Brent Short, director of library services, Cairns began his lecture by reading from a script. His lecture began with a short story on how he received a vision 20 years ago. He described it as a little, quite, life-changing vision he had while writing a poem.


Photograph by Kristin Brittain
Cairns speaks to the Saint Leo community

As he was writing, he described it as if "the letters created a sculptural affect. They seemed to rise from the page as if they were chipped from stone," said Cairns.

This changed his attitude towards words and poems. Before his little vision, Cairns thought of words as vehicles. It was their job to express what he thought and lived. But following that "odd moment," Cairns realized that words are dynamic. They are a connection between things sacramental and things poetic. This is the revelations that lead to Cairns' idea of sacramental poetry.

"Like the holy mysteries, the poetic is involved in the present," said Cairns. He continued his lecture on the idea of words in general.

"Our culture today buys into the fact that words are just vehicles to carry out something," said Cairns. At this point Cairns abandoned his script and began talking to the writers in the crowd.

"This leaves today's writers and poets to feeling bladed as if everything is already written. This leads new writers to wonder what they have to offer. They have to think, 'what is new in the equation is me,'" said Cairns.

The audience was mixed with Saint Leo faculty, students, and visitors to the campus who were interested in seeing Cairns. They listened with anticipation as they received information from a respected, well published, poet.

After leaving his script behind because the room "didn't have the feel to it," Cairns gave many tips to the intrigued room.

"When it is time for me to write, I read first. I generate the energy from opening a book into writing something new," said Cairns.

The session then changed into a question and answer forum. He continually urged everyone to "pay attention to language."

Cairns, who teaches literature and creative writing at the University of Missouri, should know a thing or two about language. He published two books in 2007, *Loves Immensity: Mystics on the Endless Life*, and *Short Trip to the Edge: Where Earth Meets Heaven- A Pilgrimage.*

Cairns ended the informational session by reading two poems, "Slow Pilgrim" and "Short trip to the Edge." His earthy voice resonated words into more then just vehicles throughout Selby's auditorium.

Leo's *1984* production would astound even Orwell

BY THOMAS SCAGLIONE III
Lions' Pride Entertainment Editor

Students walking into the normally plain Selby Auditorium for Saint Leo University's theatre program's newest play, George Orwell's *1984*, were visually attacked by a barrage of unfamiliar props and intimidating uniformed guards that mirrored the Nazi Germany era.

1984 is George Orwell's classic tale of a futuristic (remember he wrote his book in the earlier half of the 20th century) society that is stripped of all personal liberties and "freedoms," devoted only to hating the opposition of Big Brother (the government head figure that is always watching by means of mandatory audio and visual feedback screens installed in every room), and being robbed of its very knowledge by the creation of Newspeak.

This new language is meant to destroy logic and thought by systematically translating, replacing, and destroying standard American English, consequently destroying the concepts behind the words. After all, people are constantly in a mental discussion with themselves when they think, and how can they express/think of anything that is beyond their effective word choice?

To keep with the theme of how Big Brother is always on the watch and the nonexistence of privacy and human rights in this society, guards are called into the auditorium and march into formation along the steps surrounding the audience and stay there for the entire play. As a cleverly implemented warning to the audience against disruptive cell phone use, they even had a planted actress in the audience "roughed up" and taken away when her phone rang unexpectedly during the opening statements.

Perhaps, the play's best set detail would be the behemoth sized screen located at the back of the stage to represent the towering Big Brother figures, played by no other than Saint Leo's finest, Drs. Mary Spoto and Donald Pharr; professors Robbie Bossford and Alan Green; and Director David McGinnis. The screen displayed a series of video segments of the figures at disturbingly low angles with the hauntingly drawn out and morphed background sound of electronic rock music to create the perfect unsettling atmosphere laden with on-edge suspense.

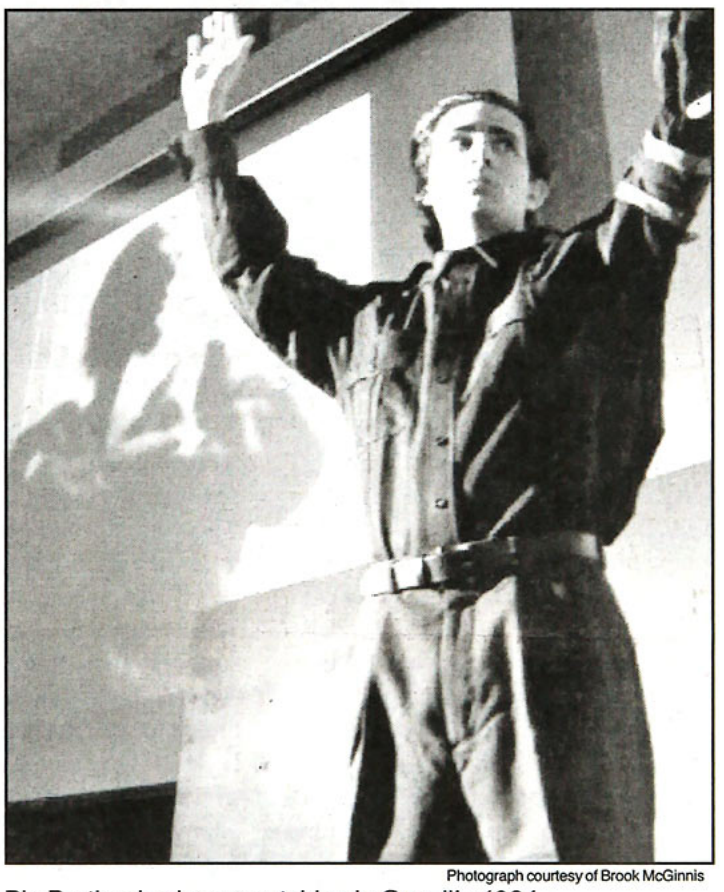
Impressively strong leads Kevin Nelson and Brittany Currie play the nonconforming Winston and Julia, who are convinced there must be a better way to live and will do anything, including joining the underground revolutionaries/pseudo terrorists, to achieve the old way of life. Actors Amber Robinson, Daniel Losey, and Emily Belvo deserve special recognition for their highly convincing and truly exceptional performances amongst an already favorable cast of supporting characters.

With Nelson's wide range of captivating emotions and expressions and Belvo's ability to over-exaggerate any situation to bring a clever concoction of madness and whimsy, it's possible McGinnis has the future leading cast of a *Sweeney Todd* production on his hands. One can only hope that is in the mix of plays to come.

Showings were March 26-29 with a special surprise on the last night for stage manager and senior theatre member, Cassandra Millhouse, when her boyfriend Jason Rhodes surprised her on stage with an engagement ring while she was being recognized by the cast for her outstanding work and service to the Drama Club.

With another theatrical success behind them, Saint Leo students can only expect many more works of genius to come. Congratulations to the versatile cast, energetic crew, and happy couple!

Photograph courtesy of Brook McGinnis
Emily Belvo plays a mentally unstable woman who is stuck in the past.



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Big Brother is always watching in Orwell's *1984*.

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Sports

Vets v. Rookies

Macho Men

Alumni put Lions in place during a "friendly" game. Photograph by Caitlin Craft

They're green; they're white; they are still dynamite.The Saint Leo men's soccer team held an alumni game on March 28, and even though it might have been a while for some of the players on the the alumni side, they managed to pull out a 2-1 win against the college team. A good majority of the alumni team was part of the 2005 team who took Leo to the first Sunshine State Conference Championship. Since then, the Lions have struggled to rebuild and come up with a reciprocation for the program.

Some of the returning players who played in the alumni game were seniors Luis Quentiro and Matt Green, who were accompanied by former Saint Leo Lion Brandon Jones and Ryo Tsuda, who graduated in 2007. While these kinds of games are supposed to be reminiscent of good times and winning memories, the men took it to their normal competition level. In the end the team gathered at the center of the field to join in one giant huddle that will probably not happen again until the next battle between the old and the new.

With it Women

Photograph by Caitlin Craft

Alumni scored goal against entire college team in a game for memories sake.

On March 29 the women took to the field to play with old friends and a few new faces. However, this game was more fun and games then it was a contest of talent versus youth. There was more laughter and chatter than there was hostility and tension. The alumni were in high spirits all through the game, even though they took a loss of 4-2 against the college team. Graduating seniors, and former captains, Jennifer O'Connor and Virginia Davenport took this game as an opportunity to cherish their years playing soccer at Saint Leo.

The girls played three 30-minute halfs to give everyone a chance to play; although, at one point during the last half, the entire alumni team, 15 players, had taken over the field, but were still unable to pull of a win. However, they did manage to score a penalty kick in the last few minutes of the game. O'Connor called the foul in the box and regardless of the fact that the entire college team was in the net to help out junior Luisa Metallo, substituting for goalie Lauren Hudson, the alumni placed it upper ninety to get their final score.

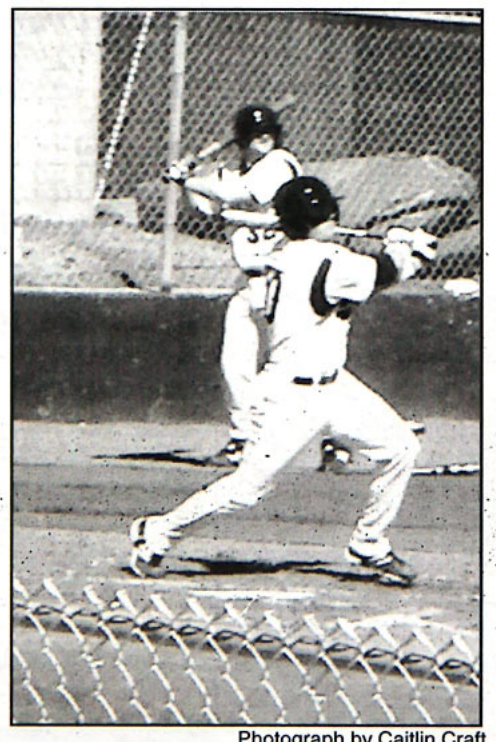
Baseball takes a conference beating in a three- game series

BY CAITLIN CRAFT
Lions' Pride Sports Editor

The Lions traveled south a few weekends ago to battle Lynn University in a three-game Sunshine State Conference (SSC) series. This is the first time in about a month that the Lions have traveled for a series. Unfortunately, the absence of traveling made no effect on how the team played. The Lions came home with no wins, a drop in conference placement, and a lot to work on. The Lions first game against the conference rival was on Friday, March 28, and despite the small lead they held, Lynn came through with heavy bats long enough to bring the win home.

For those students who have seen the Lions play in such series, no one would have been surprised that the Lions had one loss in the beginning of the series, but no one expected such a slam fest for the following day. Lynn's commentator for the game said that it was basically batting practice for Lynn. Not only was Lynn hitting the ball, they were reaching for the fences and they pulled it out, 26 times. Lynn scored most of their runs off of homeruns. Only three runs were scored otherwise.

Therefore, as some would gather, the Lions pitching was not at its best during this series. On the other hand, baseball is a team sport and no one person can be blamed for a loss. The team also managed to take their eye off the ball during this double header. The only one to make a scoring swing was junior Jonathan Duncan who hit a home run in the third game.



Photograph by Caitlin Craft

Junior Jonathan Duncan smashed the only homer in the third game of the conference series.

Lynn won 13-4 in the second game of the series and 16-2 in the third. During both occasions Lynn left no room for the Lions to catch up as they held a 13-0 lead during the first game and a 14-0 in the second. In the past the Lions have been able to come up with big leads themselves, but when it comes to a rally in the ninth, they manage to cut it close and in some cases lose the lead.

Lynn now sits at the top of the SSC standings with Tampa following close behind. Saint Leo is currently sixth in the standings, but that could change after the Lions go up against the national champs, University of Tampa, later on in April. Tampa ended last season with a 20-4 conference record, and despite Lynn's recent success, they are planning on coming close if not better than that this year.

Thirteen conference games still remain for the Lions, and with a little batting practice and some team confidence, the Lions have the potential to pull out a grand slam ending to their season, pending the support of fans and coaches alike.

So as the major leagues begin their season, the Lions might want to reevaluate their season strategy and aggressively step up to the plate when necessary. No one can win them all, but in this case, it is safe to say the Lions need to.